

Household Water Well System Grant Recipients

The Household Water Well System (HWWS) Grant Program has been established to help individuals finance the costs of household water wells that they own or will own in rural areas. Qualified private non-profit organizations will be the grant recipients. They will receive HWWS grant funds to establish a lending program that will provide water well loans to individuals. The water well loans may be made in an amount not to exceed \$8,000 at one percent interest for up to 20 years. The individuals may use the loans to construct, refurbish, and service their household well systems.

The HWWS Program made grants to four organizations in Fiscal Year 2005 for \$1,986,100:

Grant	Organization
\$1,000,000	Foundation for Affordable Drinking Water, Westerville, OH
\$ 100,000	Self-Help Enterprises, Visalia, CA
\$ 688,100	Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, Roanoke, VA
\$ 198,000	Southwest Virginia Community Development Financing Incorporated, Abingdon, VA

The HWWS Program made grants to one organization in Fiscal Year 2006 for \$300,000:

Grant	Organization
\$ 300,000	Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, Roanoke, VA

Project summaries and contact information appear below.

Foundation for Affordable Drinking Water

Address: 601 Dempsey Road, Westerville, OH 43081

Contact: Paul Humes, Director of Lending Programs

Telephone: 614-898-7791 e-mail: phumes@ngwa.org

Grant : \$1,000,000 Matching Amount: \$100,000

Project: FAWD will target individual homeowners who lack financial resources to construct, refurbish, and service a household water well system. The project has three primary goals: (1) upgrade or replace 165 water well systems, (2) educate loan recipients on regular well maintenance and annual testing of the system, and (3) increase the awareness of contractors, health departments, and social service agencies of substandard drinking water systems in communities. The Foundation is authorized to operate a lending program in 18 states. Nine states are priorities for the extension of the lending program: Connecticut, Illinois, Florida, Texas, California, New Jersey, Michigan, Georgia, and Virginia.

Self-Help Enterprises

Address: 8445 W. Elowin Court, Visalia, CA 93290
Contact: Denise Fletcher, Program Manager for Housing Rehabilitation/
Homebuyer Services
Telephone: 559-651-1000 e-mail: info@selfhelpenterprises.org
Grant : \$100,000 Matching Amount: \$10,000
Project: Self-Help proposes to provide loans to 12 low-income homeowners in
Madera, Kings, Tulare and Kern Counties, California.

Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project

Address: 145 West Campbell Ave., S.W., Ste 800, Roanoke, Virginia 24001-2868
Contact: Mary C. Terry, President and CEO
Telephone: 540-345-1184 e-mail: vwp@sercap.org
Grant: \$688,100 (FY 2005) Matching Amount: \$68,810
\$300,000 (FY 2006) Matching Amount: \$30,000
Project: Rural Development funds will be used to establish and maintain a
revolving loan program for private household water well systems.
Southeast RCAP, using the \$688,100 grant will provide loans for
private well systems to approximately 125 low-to-moderate-income
individual homeowners. The target area covers seven states:
Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina,
and Virginia. The \$300,000 grant will be used to make loans to an
additional 50 homeowners.

Southwest Virginia Community Development Financing Incorporated

Address: 1173 West Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210
Contact: Robert G. Goldsmith, President and CEO
Telephone: 276-623-9000 e-mail: info@peopleinc.net
Grant: \$198,000 Matching Amount: \$76,859 Other: \$85,000
Project: Southwest Virginia CDFI will provide loans for private well systems to
30 low-to-moderate income homeowners in rural Southwest Virginia.
It will serve Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell, and Washington Counties,
as well as the City of Bristol in southwestern Virginia.